

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5**

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SUBJECT: Reports of Significant Developments and Activities
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The activities listed below are organized by site-specific activities and training/conferences:

SITE-SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

**Five-Year Review Report Completed, Roto-Finish Co., Inc.,
Superfund Site, Portage, Michigan**

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) completed the Five-Year Review (FYR) Report for the Roto-Finish Superfund site in Portage, Michigan. The final report was signed by Superfund Division Director Richard Karl on May 1, 2007. This is the second FYR for the site. The major remedial components are monitored natural attenuation, institutional controls, and contingency planning, which includes the use of extraction wells as a contingency remedy. The remedy at the site is expected to be protective of human health and the environment upon attainment of groundwater cleanup goals. The goals of unlimited use and unlimited exposure will be achieved through monitored natural attenuation. U.S. EPA expects these goals to be achieved within the next 40 to 50 years. In the interim, exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are being monitored and controlled. All immediate threats to human health and the environment have been eliminated.

Long-term protectiveness will be determined when, among other activities, remedial design documents are completed, additional monitoring wells are installed, and institutional controls are implemented and monitored to restrict groundwater use in areas

affected by contaminated groundwater. These actions should be completed by January 2008. A long-term protectiveness determination will be made in an addendum to the FYR report.

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Inspection Conducted, Tate & Lyle Sagamore Plant Lafayette, Indiana

On April 17, 2007, Edward Bordy, Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Section conducted an inspection at the Tate & Lyle Sagamore Plant in Lafayette, Indiana. The purpose of the inspection was to review the facility's Risk Management Program for the storage and use of sulfur dioxide.

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Media Event Held, Douglas Little League Site, Indianapolis, Indiana

On May 3, 2007, representatives from U.S. EPA, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, and Exxon Mobil held a media event to inform the local community about cleanup activities at the Douglas Little League site. The site is located in the Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood of Indianapolis, Indiana, where during the Summer for more than 40 years, little league games drew hundreds of residents. Currently, U.S. EPA is overseeing lead and soil cleanup and restoration activities. U.S. EPA plans to work with the site owner, Jireh Sports, which is a non-profit, faith-based youth development center, to facilitate reuse of the site as a little league field. Cecil Sinkfield, Director of Douglas Little League, expressed his desire to see the Little League return to its home in the Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood.

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TRAINING/CONFERENCES**Senior Officials Tabletop Exercise, City of Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio**

On April 23, 2007, the City of Cleveland held a Senior Officials Tabletop Exercise, with a scenario involving a dirty bomb exploding at the Tower City Center, a downtown shopping mall. In attendance were the Mayor, Safety Director, Fire Chief, Police Chief, and Health Director from the City of Cleveland; the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); U.S. Coast Guard; Ohio Emergency Management; and, Cuyahoga County Emergency Management, among other agencies. The U.S. EPA Response Team of On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) Joe Fredle and Criminal Investigation Division (CID) Agent Brad Ostendorf also attended the exercise and explained the type of assistance U.S. EPA has available locally and nationally to support the City and the FBI in such a scenario. The scenario involved a simultaneous attack occurring across the country, thus somewhat isolating the City from the massive amount of assistance that would be available if it were a single incident.

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Presentation, 10th Annual Rouge River Water Festival, Dearborn, Michigan

On May 3, 2007, the 10th Annual Rouge River Water Festival was held at the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus. Over 1,200 fifth grade students from schools located in Rouge River Watershed communities attended the event. Professionals from local, State, and Federal government agencies, natural resource groups, universities, museums, and businesses presented topics on the importance of water and the various ways people depend on it during everyday activities. On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs) Jon Gulch, Brian Schlieger, and Michelle Jaster presented at the water festival on behalf of U.S. EPA's Emergency Response Branch. The OSCs' presentation focused on emergency response work, especially oil spill response and cleanups, and was attended by over 250 students during the day.

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Upper Mississippi River Contingency Planning Meeting, Davenport, Iowa

On April 18-19, 2007, On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs) Steve Faryan and Jaime Brown attended the Upper Mississippi River (UMR) Spills Group contingency planning meeting in Davenport, Iowa. Also in attendance were representatives from Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin, as well as members from the private sector. Federal participants included U.S. EPA Regions 5 & 7, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Coast Guard, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. During this meeting the group discussed the Spill of National Significance (SONS) 2007 Exercise and the various roles in the UMR venue; the updated Quad Cities and Greater St. Louis Sub-Area Contingency Plans (and Response Strategies); the UMR Spill Response Plan; and, the UMR Early Warning Monitoring Network Update. During the meeting, the UMR Group made a decision to purchase a new YSI Sonde probe at Lock and Dam #15 in Rock Island, Illinois, and will research a new solid state detection device for petroleum products. The group is still searching for funding to establish a network of monitors along the entire Mississippi River.

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